

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Theta Phi Alpha was founded on August 30, 1912, at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to provide more than a social network for college women. For 100 years, the sisters of Theta Phi Alpha have maintained a history rich in educational excellence, professional achievement, and a deep commitment to social service; and,

Whereas, The mission of Theta Phi Alpha is to create close comradeship, to advance educational, social and philanthropic interests, and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship; and,

Whereas, Membership in Theta Phi Alpha is lifelong. Theta Phi Alpha has helped more than 25,000 women to develop to the fullest potential via leadership development opportunities; and,

Whereas, Theta Phi Alpha supports the cause of homelessness under the banner "*The House that Theta Phi Alpha Built*" and through support of the Camp Friendship program of Glenmary Home Missions. This support is provided in the local communities where Theta Phi Alpha is located, including support of shelters, transitional housing, food pantries, literacy programs, and more; and,

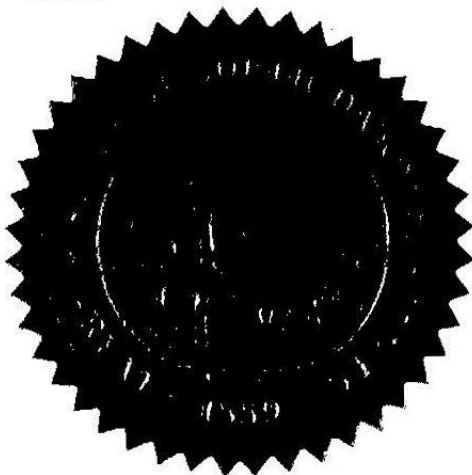
Whereas, Theta Phi Alpha is a national women's social fraternity and is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations representing more than 4 million women across the United States and Canada; and,

Whereas, Sororities exist to provide a good democratic social experience, give value beyond college years, create, through their ideals, an ever-widening circle of service beyond the membership, develop the individual's potential through leadership opportunities and group effort, and fill the need of belonging:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim
August 30, 2012, as

THETA PHI ALPHA DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State